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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPIN, BUDED: 8/25/83.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES 8/15/83.

NO RECORD OR IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION LOCATED REGARDING  
 APPOINTEE, LAW FIRM APPOINTEE IS ASSOCIATED WITH, HELEN J. STRAUSS,

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 ELSUR FILES.

IN DALLAS OFFICE INDICES AND

REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] WAS REPORTED TO BUREAU DURING  
 PREVIOUS BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BY DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU  
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ENCLOSURES FOR WASHINGTON FIELD FORWARDED BSM.

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: CLOSE OF  
BUSINESS, MARCH 4, 1977, WITHOUT FAIL.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXTREMELY EXPEDITE  
INVESTIGATION OF STRAUSS WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

BORN OCTOBER 19, 1918, LOCKHART, TEXAS, MARRIED TO FORMER  
HELEN JACOBS, SINCE 1945 HAS RESIDED 6223 DE LOUCHE, DALLAS,  
TEXAS, AND SINCE 1945 HAS BEEN SELF-EMPLOYED AS ATTORNEY, SAME  
CITY. ALSO MAINTAINS LAW OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND HAS

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TEMPORARY ADDRESS 1100 MADISON HOTEL BUILDING.

STRAUS IS FORMER BUREAU AGENT, 1942 TO OCTOBER, 1945,  
ALSO SERVED 1972 TO 1977 AS CHAIRMAN DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE, HE IS ALSO CHAIRMAN STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY,  
AND VALLEY VIEW STATE BANK, BOTH DALLAS, TEXAS.

RELATIVES SHOWN AS [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES LISTED AS [REDACTED]

RICHARD A. GUMP,

[REDACTED] AND JUDGE IRVING L. GOLDBERG, ALL

DALLAS, TEXAS.

BUFILE INDICATES ALSO HAS [REDACTED]

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WASHINGTON FIELD IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN EXACT ADDRESSES  
ALL CLOSE RELATIVES AND SET OUT LEADS AT ONCE.

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BRING BUAP INVESTIGATION UP TO DATE SINCE OCTOBER, 1975.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO, DALLAS, PHOENIX, MARCH 2, 1977. NO COPY TO NEW HAVEN, NEW YORK, LAS VEGAS.

FOR INFORMATION NEW HAVEN, NEW YORK AND LAS VEGAS, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXTREMELY EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF STRAUSS WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

APPOINTEE BORN OCTOBER 19, 1918, AT LOCKHART, TEXAS, SINCE 1945 HAS RESIDED AT 6223 DE LOUCH, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND MAINTAINS RESIDENCE WATERGATE APARTMENTS, WASHINGTON,

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D. C. APPOINTEE FORMER BUREAU AGENT, 1942 TO OCTOBER, 1945,  
AND CHAIRMAN, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, 1972 TO PRESENT.

ADDITIONALLY APPOINTEE MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
XEROX CORPORATION, STANFORD, CONNECTICUT, MEMBER BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS, COLUMBIA PICTURES, NEW YORK, NEW YORK,  
MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES,  
DALLAS, TEXAS. APPOINTEE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, VALLEY-  
VIEW BANK, DALLAS, TEXAS, HOLDS INTEREST IN STRAUSS  
BROADCASTING, UNITED NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, DALLAS, TEXAS,  
AND IS MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WYLAIN AND COMPANY, DALLAS,  
TEXAS.

IMMEDIATE RELATIVES ARE: [REDACTED], WHO CAN  
BE CONTACTED THROUGH [REDACTED]

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ADDITIONALLY REFERENCES ARE [REDACTED] FIRST  
NATIONAL BANK, DALLAS; [REDACTED] REPUBLIC BANK TOWERS,  
DALLAS; AND RICHARD GUMP (FORMER BUREAU AGENT), WHO CAN  
BE LOCATED AT CEASAR'S PALACE, LAS VEGAS.

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1977, WITHOUT FAIL:RE BUREAU TELETYPE, DATED MARCH 2, 1977, AND WASHINGTON  
FIELD TELETYPE, DATED MARCH 3, 1977.INVESTIGATION AT DALLAS, TEXAS, WAS CONDUCTED BY  
SAS WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN AND [REDACTED] AND BY SC[REDACTED]  
ON MARCH 3, 1977, [REDACTED] THE  
APPOINTEE, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING  
THE APPOINTEE'S RELATIVES: [REDACTED]b6  
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APPOINTEE'S FATHER, CHARLES HENRY STRAUSS, DECEASED, AGE UNKNOWN, AND APPOINTEE'S MOTHER, EDITH SCHWARZ, DECEASED, AGE UNKNOWN.

REFERENCES - ON MARCH 3, 1977, [REDACTED] ATTORNEY, AND MEMBER OF APPOINTEE'S LAW FIRM, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

[REDACTED] HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE 1955, SOCIALLY AND IN BUSINESS. HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE APPOINTEE'S LAW FIRM IN [REDACTED] HE STATED HIS PARENTS AND THE APPOINTEE'S PARENTS WERE CLOSE FRIENDS PRIOR TO THAT TIME, AND HE WAS ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE'S PARENTS. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE WAS AN OUTSTANDING

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ATTORNEY, WHO ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AMONG FELLOW ATTORNEYS IN THE BUSINESS WORLD IN DALLAS, AND WAS EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE OF LAW. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY WERE ALL OF GOOD CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY, AND HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING THEM. [REDACTED] RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

ON MARCH 3, 1977, [REDACTED] THE REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK, AND [REDACTED] THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS CORPORATION, DALLAS, TEXAS, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

[REDACTED] FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY APPROXIMATELY 27 YEARS AGO. HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS BUSINESS DEALS WITH THE APPOINTEE, BOTH WITH HIMSELF AND THE REPUBLIC BANK, AND WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY SOCIALLY. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE HAD AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AS A BUSINESSMAN, AND AN EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT ATTORNEY AND CIVIC LEADER IN THE DALLAS AREA. [REDACTED] KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION

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REGARDING THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY, AND STATED THE APPOINTEE IS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY, AND HE RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

ON MARCH 3, ]977, [REDACTED] HUDSON AND HUDSON REALTORS, 3]3] TURTLE CREEK BOULEVARD, SUITE 302, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS, AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE IS BRILLIANT, COMPASSIONATE, AND A GOOD FAMILY MAN AND A LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE IS AN ALERT BUSINESSMAN, AND AN OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY, AND HE KNOWS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPOINTEE OR APPOINTEE'S FAMILY, AND ALL ARE OF GOOD CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY, AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

ON MARCH 3, ]977, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANCSHARES, AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DALLAS, DALLAS, TEXAS,  
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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[ ] STATED HE HAS BEEN A NEIGHBOR OF THE APPOINTEE AND HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS. HE STATED HE AND THE APPOINTEE ARE BOTH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, AND THAT THE BANK HAS USED THE APPOINTEE'S LAW FIRM ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY SOCIALLY AND WOULD CONSIDER APPOINTEE TO BE AN OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY, BUSINESSMAN, AND CIVIC LEADER FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS AND CITY OF DALLAS. [ ] STATED THE APPOINTEE HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AMONG BUSINESS LEADERS AND FELLOW ATTORNEYS. HE STATED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPOINTEE OR APPOINTEE'S FAMILY, AND THEY ARE ALL OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY. [ ] WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

ON MARCH 3, 1977, [ ]  
[ ] REPUBLIC BANK TOWERS,  
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ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS, AND BELIEVED [REDACTED] THE APPOINTEE HAD WHEN HE STARTED HIS LAW PRACTICE IN DALLAS. HE STATED DURING HIS POLITICAL CAREER AND LAW PRACTICE, APPOINTEE HAS BECOME KNOWN INTERNATIONALLY, AND HIS SUCCESS ALONG THESE LINES HAS NOT INTERFERED WITH HIM BEING A "DOWN-TO-EARTH" INDIVIDUAL, AND A GOOD FAMILY MAN. [REDACTED] STATED THE APPOINTEE IS A BRILLIANT ATTORNEY AND BUSINESSMAN, AND IS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY. [REDACTED] KNOWS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTEE, AND WOULD RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

ON MARCH 3, 1977, FEDERAL JUDGE IRVING L. GOLDBERG, EARL CABELL FEDERAL BUILDING, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE 1942, HAVING TAKEN PART IN THE APPOINTEE'S WEDDING, AND WAS ALSO A LAW PARTNER OF THE APPOINTEE'S IN HIS LAW FIRM FROM 1950, UNTIL 1966, WHEN HE, THE JUDGE, WAS APPOINTED TO THE BENCH. HE STATED HE WAS ALSO A NEIGHBOR OF THE APPOINTEE'S, AND WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE, AND APPOINTEE'S FAMILY, BOTH IN THE LAW

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FIRM AND SOCIALLY. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE WAS AN EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT ATTORNEY, AND A GOOD BUSINESSMAN, WHO ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. HE STATED HE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION THAT MIGHT INVOLVE THE BUSINESS OF LAW. HE STATED APPOINTEE AND APPOINTEE'S FAMILY ARE ALL OF GOOD CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY.

ACQUAINTANCES - ON MARCH 3, 1977, [REDACTED] ATTORNEY, REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND [REDACTED] OF THE STATE BAR GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, DALLAS, ADVISED HE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD FOR ANY GRIEVANCES EVER BEING FILED AGAINST APPOINTEE. HE STATED HE IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE, AND APPOINTEE ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE STATE AND DALLAS BAR, AND WAS CONSIDERED AN OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY AND BUSINESSMAN. [REDACTED] KNOWS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPOINTEE, AND WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION, AS TO CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, OR LOYALTY.

ON MARCH 4, 1977, FEDERAL JUDGE WILLIAM MAC TAYLOR,

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EARL CABELL FEDERAL BUILDING, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY ]6 YEARS, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH LAW SUITS AGAINST THE APPOINTEE AND THE APPOINTEE'S LAW FIRM. HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH APPOINTEE SOCIALLY ALSO. JUDGE TAYLOR STATED THE APPOINTEE IS AN ABLE INDIVIDUAL IN THE COURT ROOM, AS A POLITICIAN OR AS A BUSINESSMAN. JUDGE TAYLOR STATED HE KNOWS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPOINTEE, AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

ON MARCH 3, ]977, BAILEY F. RANKIN, U. S. MAGISTRATE, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS, TEXAS, A FORMER U. S. CLERK OF COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY ]5 OR 20 YEARS AS AN ATTORNEY, BUT HAS NOT BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE SOCIALLY. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION, AND HE KNOWS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTEE. MR. RANKIN STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

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ON MARCH 3, 1977, [REDACTED] ATTORNEY, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, DALLAS, TEXAS, FORMER ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS, SOCIALLY, POLITICALLY, AND LEGALLY. HE STATED HE KNOWS APPOINTEE'S FAMILY WELL, AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE'S LAW FIRM. [REDACTED] STATED THE APPOINTEE AND HIS LAW FIRM ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE TOP LAW FIRMS, AND THAT THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY ARE ALL OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY. [REDACTED] KNOWS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPOINTEE, AND HE CONSIDERS THE APPOINTEE TO BE HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, AND AN OUTSTANDING BUSINESSMAN. [REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

ON MARCH 3, 1977, [REDACTED], AN ATTORNEY, 6429 AZELIA LANE, DALLAS, TEXAS, FORMER ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 YEARS, AND HAD WORKED WITH THE

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APPOINTEE AND HIS LAW FIRM VERY CLOSELY. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH AND AGAINST THE APPOINTEE IN COURT. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE DOES AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN THE COURT ROOM, AND IS A BRILLIANT ATTORNEY. HE STATED APPOINTEE IS ALSO AN EXCELLENT FAMILY MAN, AND ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION IN THE BUSINESS WORLD IN THE DALLAS AREA. [ ] STATED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION AND WOULD RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

ON MARCH 3, ]977, [ ]

[ ] MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SOCIALLY AND BY REPUTATION FOR APPROXIMATELY ]5 YEARS. HE STATED HE HAS NOT BEEN TOO CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE, BUT FROM HIS KNOWLEDGE OF APPOINTEE, WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST.

ON MARCH 3, ]977, [ ] ATTORNEY, 3503 FAIRMOUNT STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE APPROXIMATELY ]0 OR ]2 YEARS, BOTH IN BUSINESS AND SOCIALLY. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDING

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ATTORNEY AND POLITICIAN, AND IS AN EXCELLENT BUSINESSMAN.

[REDACTED] STATED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION AND WOULD RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST.

ON MARCH 3, 1977, HENRY WADE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR DALLAS COUNTY, DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED HE VAGUELY REMEMBERS THE APPOINTEE WHEN BOTH ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, BUT HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE FROM 1946 TO THE PRESENT TIME. HE STATED HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE'S FAMILY AND HE WOULD CONSIDER THE APPOINTEE AND APPOINTEE'S FAMILY ALL TO BE OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY, AND KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY AND BUSINESSMAN, AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

ON MARCH 3, 1977, [REDACTED] OF THE DALLAS INTERNATIONAL BANK, 1226 COMMERCE STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE AND APPOINTEE'S FAMILY FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS, HAVING BEEN

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CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE SOCIALLY AND IN THE BANKING BUSINESS, AND HE ALSO SERVED WITH THE APPOINTEE ON THE TEXAS STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

[ ] STATED THE APPOINTEE IS A HARD-WORKER, CONSCIENTIOUS, BRILLIANT INDIVIDUAL, AND HAS A REPUTATION AS AN OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE IS OF GOOD CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY, AND [ ] KNOWS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTEE. [ ] RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

ON MARCH 3, 1977, [ ] ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, EARL CABELL BUILDING, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED SHE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR ]5 TO ]8 YEARS, BOTH SOCIALLY AND IN WORK WITH THE COURTS, AND IN APPOINTEE'S LAW FIRM. SHE STATED SHE HAD PRACTICED LAW IN THE DALLAS AREA PRIOR TO BECOMING AN ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, AND WAS WELL-ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE. [ ] STATED THE APPOINTEE ENJOYED AN OUTSTANDING REPUTATION AS A BUSINESSMAN AND ATTORNEY AND SHE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

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ON MARCH 3, ]977, [ ] AN ATTORNEY,  
MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED  
HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS,  
PROFESSIONALLY ONLY. HE STATED HE HAS SEEN THE APPOINTEE  
PERFORM IN THE COURT ROOM, AND KNOWS THE APPOINTEE TO BE  
RESPECTED AS A BUSINESSMAN AND AN ATTORNEY. HE STATED HE  
KNOWS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE, AND  
WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES - ON MARCH 3, ]977, [ ]

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[ ] BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, BRANIFF BUILDING,  
DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE  
BOTH ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, TEXAS.  
HE STATED THE APPOINTEE IS PRESENTLY SERVING AS A MEMBER OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AIRLINES. [ ] HAS  
BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE SOCIALLY, IN  
POLITICS, AND IN BUSINESS, AND WOULD CONSIDER THE APPOINTEE  
TO BE AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL IN ALL OF HIS ENDEAVORS.

[ ] KNOWS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING THE  
APPOINTEE OR APPOINTEE'S FAMILY, AND WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE

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FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

ON MARCH 3, ]977, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF THE VALLEY VIEW BANK, ]3]0] PRESTON ROAD, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED THE APPOINTEE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND PRESIDENT OF THE BANK. HE STATED HE HAS KNOWN AND WORKED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR OR FIVE YEARS, AND THAT APPOINTEE HAS BEEN AN HONEST AND FORTHRIGHT INDIVIDUAL.

[REDACTED] STATED THE APPOINTEE ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION AMONG BANKERS AND DEPOSITORS OF THE BANK, AND HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPOINTEE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION.

ON MARCH 3, ]977, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE AND APPOINTEE'S FAMILY FOR APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN YEARS, AND APPOINTEE IS PRESENTLY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HIS COMPANY, WHICH IS AN ELECTRICAL COMPANY OPERATING THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE AND APPOINTEE'S FAMILY ENJOY AN OUTSTANDING

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REPUTATION IN DALLAS, AND THE APPOINTEE ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION BOTH POLITICALLY AS AN ATTORNEY, AND HAS A BUSINESSMAN. [ ] KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTEE, AND WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION.

ON MARCH 3, 1977, [ ] OF WYLAIN CORPORATION, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS SERVED WITH THE APPOINTEE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WYLAIN CORPORATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY ]6 YEARS. [ ] STATED THE APPOINTEE IS AN EXCELLENT BUSINESSMAN, AND OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY, AND HE KNOWS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING APPOINTEE. [ ] STATED HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST.

ON MARCH 3, 1977, [ ] THE APPOINTEE, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY, WHICH WAS FORMERLY LOCATED IN THE UNITED NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, ]40] SOUTH AKARD, DALLAS, TEXAS, IS NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE IN DALLAS, BUT IS ALL HEADQUARTERED

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IN TUCSON, ARIZONA, WHERE THE FIRM IS OPERATED BY THE APPOINTEE'S [REDACTED] THE APPOINTEE STATED FIFTY PER CENT OF THE COMPANY WAS OWNED BY [REDACTED] FORTY PER CENT WAS HELD BY THE APPOINTEE, AND TEN PER CENT HELD BY [REDACTED]

MISCELLANEOUS - ON MARCH 4, 1977, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THERE IS A STRAUSS FAMILY RESIDING AT [REDACTED] BUT THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHO IT IS. HE COULD ONLY ADVISE THAT THEY ARE REGARDED AS QUIET NEIGHBORS.

ON MARCH 4, 1977, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ADVISED THERE IS A STRAUSS FAMILY WHO RESIDES AT [REDACTED] BUT SHE IS NOT SURE OF THE FAMILY'S FIRST NAMES, AND CAN ONLY STATE THAT SHE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ONE WAY OR THE OTHER REGARDING THE FAMILY.

ON MARCH 4, 1977, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE KNOWS [REDACTED] "ONLY IN PASSING," AS LIVING AT [REDACTED]

ON MARCH 4, 1977, A REVIEW OF THE 1976 ISSUE OF THE

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DALLAS CITY DIRECTORY REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

THE RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]  
IS SHOWN TO BE OCCUPIED BY [REDACTED] THE RESIDENCE  
OF [REDACTED] IS SHOWN TO BE  
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ON MARCH 4, ]977, A SEARCH OF THE DALLAS MORNING  
NEWS, A DAILY PUBLISHED PERIODICAL IN DALLAS, TEXAS,  
REVEALED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING ROBERT S.  
STRAUSS. THE INFORMATION IS BEING SYNOPSISIZED AND PHOTO-  
COPIES OF THE ARTICLES THEMSELVES ARE BEING FORWARDED TO  
THE BUREAU BY AIRTEL:

BY ARTICLE DATED DECEMBER 20, ]972, IT WAS STATED  
THAT "THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE, ROBERT STRAUSS OF DALLAS, AND FORMER  
TEXAS GOVERNOR JOHN B. CONNALLY, WHO HEADED THE DEMOCRATS  
FOR NIXON ORGANIZATION, IS COMING UNDER NATIONAL SCRUTINY  
AND THE EXAMINATION OF THE PARTY LEADERS MAY BE INTENSIFIED.

BY ARTICLE DATED APRIL 22, ]973, VIRGINIA DEMOCRATIC  
CHAIRMAN JOSEPH FITZPATRICK, SAID HE WOULD INITIATE A

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RECALL MOVE TO OUST NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN ROBERT  
S. STRAUSS FOR BEING "JOHN CONNALLY'S STOOGE."

BY ARTICLES DATED APRIL 26, MAY 5, JUNE ]5, AND  
DECEMBER 5, ]975, THE QUESTION IS RAISED AS WHETHER  
STRAUSS, THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, ACTED  
ILLEGALLY IN ACCEPTING A \$50,000 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION  
FROM ASHLAND OIL COMPANY, INC., OF KENTUCKY.

BY ARTICLE DATED NOVEMBER 22, ]975, DEMOCRATIC  
FUND-RAISER HAROLD WILLIAMS OF LOS ANGELES MADE A PUBLIC  
PLEA FOR ROBERT STRAUSS TO RESIGN AS PARTY CHAIRMAN AS A  
RESULT OF THE \$50,000 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION FROM ASHLAND  
OIL COMPANY WHILE STRAUSS WAS PARTY TREASURER.

THERE APPEARED TO BE NO OTHER ARTICLES OF OBVIOUS  
DEROGATORY COMMENT OR DEFAMATION IN THE FILES OF THIS  
PARTICULAR NEWSPAPER.

A REVIEW OF THE FILES OF THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD,  
A DAILY PUBLISHED NEWSPAPER AT DALLAS, TEXAS, REVEALED  
THAT BY ARTICLE DATED SEPTEMBER 22, ]970, SENATOR RALPH  
YARBOROUGH SUGGESTED THAT NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TREASURER  
ROBERT STRAUSS RESIGN HIS PARTY POST, LABELING STRAUSS

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"AN EXPONENT OF CROOKED POLITICS" FOR OPPOSING THE  
PARTY PURITY PLANK.

BY ARTICLE DATED APRIL 22, ]973, JOSEPH T.  
FITZPATRICK OF VIRGINIA STATED HE WOULD INITIATE A  
RECALL MOVE TO OUST ROBERT STRAUSS AS NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC  
CHAIRMAN, CALLING HIM "JOHN CONNALLY'S STOOGES."

BY ARTICLE DATED JUNE 9, ]974, STRAUSS STATED HE  
DID NOT FEEL THAT IT WAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, NOR  
ILLEGAL FOR HIM TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF THE BANKING  
CONCERNS WITH WHICH HE IS AFFILIATED. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF  
THE VALLEY VIEW BANK OF DALLAS, TEXAS. HE ALSO STATED  
THAT HE FELT NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY BEING APPOINTED  
TO THE STATE BANKING BOARD BY JOHN CONNALLY OF TEXAS.

BY ARTICLE DATED JANUARY ]0, ]975, STRAUSS TOLD  
THE LOS ANGELES TIMES THAT HE MAY HAVE UNKNOWINGLY COMMITTED  
A TECHNICAL VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL LAW ON REPORTING  
POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS WHEN HE WAS PARTY TREASURER IN  
]970 AND ]97]. HE WAS REFERRING TO TWO CASH CONTRIBUTIONS  
TOTALING \$50,000, WHICH WERE ARRANGED BY TOP EXECUTIVES

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OF ASHLAND OIL, INC., OF KENTUCKY. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IS STILL GATHERING FACTS ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE GIFT, AND WHETHER FEDERAL DISCLOSURE LAWS HAD BEEN VIOLATED.

CREDIT AND ARREST - ON MARCH 3, ]977, OPERATOR NUMBER 5, CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES OF DALLAS, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED THEIR FILES SHOW APPOINTEE TO RESIDE AT 6223 DE LOACHE, DALLAS, TEXAS, SINCE ]949. THEIR FILES SHOW APPOINTEE TO BE SELF-EMPLOYED AS AN ATTORNEY, 2800 REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, SINCE MARCH, ]949. THIS WAS VERIFIED IN ]968. CREDIT BUREAU FILES INDICATE APPOINTEE WAS BORN IN ]9]9, AND SHOW HIS WIFE TO BE HELEN. APPOINTEE HAS BEEN IN THE FILES OF THE CREDIT BUREAU SINCE ]94], AND WAS LAST INQUIRED UPON BY A BANK ON JANUARY 27, ]976. APPOINTEE'S CREDIT RATING IS THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE, AND THE CREDIT BUREAU FILES SHOW FIVE ACCOUNTS WITH A HIGH BALANCE OF \$]5,000. THESE ACCOUNTS ARE ALL SHOWN TO BE OPEN ACCOUNTS, WITH NO BALANCE. FILES ALSO INDICATE A REVOLVING ACCOUNT WITH A HIGH BALANCE OF \$534, AND SHOWS NO CURRENT BALANCE.

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ON MARCH 3, 1977, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ADVISED  
THE FILES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES ARE NEGATIVE  
REGARDING APPOINTEE; APPOINTEE'S WIFE, HELEN JACOBS  
STRAUSS; APPOINTEE'S [REDACTED]  
APPOINTEE'S [REDACTED] AND APPOINTEE'S  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION SECTION, DALLAS COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DALLAS, TEXAS; [REDACTED]  
IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS SECTION, DALLAS POLICE DEPART-  
MENT, DALLAS, TEXAS.

ON MARCH 3, 1977, [REDACTED] TRAFFIC RECORDS,  
DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED ROBERT S.  
STRAUSS HAD A SPEEDING TICKET IN THE CITY OF DALLAS ON  
NOVEMBER 12, 1975, CASE NUMBER 75-4736D, AND PAID A  
FINE OF \$23 ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1976.

ADMINISTRATIVE - PERSONS CONTACTED WERE APPRISED OF  
THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT.

A REVIEW OF DALLAS FILE [REDACTED] LEGAT PARIS FILE

[REDACTED] DETERMINED LEGAT PARIS LETTER TO BUREAU NOVEMBER 30,

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]970, CAPTIONED, [REDACTED] IS-BELGIUM,"

REVEALED SUBJECT OF CAPTIONED MATTER IS IDENTICAL TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH

[REDACTED] SUBJECT BORN [REDACTED]

SUBJECT'S FATHER AND BROTHER DESCRIBED AS CONFIRMED COMMUNIST  
ACTIVISTS IN BELGIUM. LEGAT PARIS ADVISED BY LETTER TO

BUREAU DATED JANUARY ]4, ]97], [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD NO PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING

SUBJECT EXCEPT HER DEPARTURE BY AIR ON APRIL 9, ]966, EN ROUTE  
TO WARSAW, POLAND, AND HER LATER MOVE TO DALLAS - TURTLE CREEK,  
370], ON MARCH 30, ]967. [REDACTED] ADVISED SUBJECT'S [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] (BECAME A

BELGIUM CITIZEN IN ]949 BY NATURALIZATION), WAS KNOWN TO THE

[REDACTED] IN ]946, AS [REDACTED]

AT LIEGE. ON OCTOBER 23, ]962, AND NOVEMBER ]4, ]969, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEPARTED BRUSSELS TO MOSCOW, PURPOSE OF TRIPS NOT KNOWN.

[REDACTED] ADVISED SUBJECT'S [REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH

[REDACTED] ACTIVE IN MARXIST-LENINIST CIRCLES

SINCE ]965. NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT.

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# Strauss explains bank interests

JUN 9 1974

By RON CALHOUN

Political Writer

Before he goes any further in politics—and he's got a lot cooking in politics—Democratic national chairman Bob Strauss wants to lay a few rumors to rest concerning his banking interests.

In an interview, Strauss said his Valley View Bank, which opened its new quarters with a VIP party Friday evening, did not acquire its charter when he was on the State Banking Board as an appointee of former Gov. John Connally.

He also noted the banks in which his brother Ted and son Rick have interests are not state banks, but national banks which are chartered in Washington.

Strauss was in Dallas, his hometown, Friday for a press conference on the forthcoming Democratic Telethon III fund-raiser, and to attend the VIP party.

The 55-year-old attorney is chairman of the board of the bank, located at Preston Road and the LBJ Freeway.

In an announcement of an open house Saturday and Sunday (from noon to 6 p.m.), the bank was described as "one of the fastest growing" in the Metroplex, moving from \$1 million in deposits when it opened in temporary quarters three years ago to \$9.8 million in resources today.

Inevitably, whispers have been touched off in political circles about the banking interests.

Strauss said he was "clean" in the matter. "When Connally asked me to be on the State Banking Board, it was

because my law firm did not handle any banking business," he said.

"I didn't let my law firm handle anything that came before that board during the six years I was on it, or for 12 months thereafter."

Strauss was on the board from 1962 through 1968. He said the bank did not get its charter until 1971.

Strauss' younger brother Ted, a longtime Dallas civic leader and businessman, will be board chairman of the new United National Bank of Dallas which will open in the Kirby Building.

His son Rick is on the board of directors of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport National Bank.

At his press conference Friday, Strauss said he hopes Telethon III will bring in enough money to retire the rest of the national Democratic party's debts, which have decreased from \$9 million to \$2.5 million under his stewardship.

The Telethon will be aired over CBS-TV beginning at 9 p.m. June 29 and ending the next day at 6 p.m.

It will feature pitches for contributions by entertainers, sports figures and Democrats of all persuasions on the local and national levels. "Whoever you might be, I want that (television) screen to reflect you," said Strauss.

Two earlier Telethons have raised more than \$4 million for the national party, and an even larger amount for state parties, he said.

Strauss said he was having fewer and fewer misgivings about the "mini" national convention the Democrats will hold in December in Kansas City.

National parties have operated "by

the seat of their pants" throughout the history of the country, he said. For the first time, the Democrats will have a national charter and set of rules to regulate party affairs.

He declined to get into specifics for the charter, saying there was "some talk" he would be chairman of the convention, and he did not want to appear to be taking sides.

Strauss said he was "sorry" to hear of the troubles his old friend and former political ally Connally was experiencing in the milk producer contribution case, adding, "I have never known him to commit a dishonorable act."

He showed his characteristic jauntiness when a female reporter asked him about Sen. Edward Kennedy's presidential prospects.

"Well, I'll tell you, honey," he quipped. "I'm going to do a lot of stupid things in politics between now and 1976, and some of them may be caused by pretty girls like you."

"But I hope I'm not going to be so stupid as to get involved in 1976 presidential politics in 1974."

## Dalai Lama target of Chinese attack

HONG KONG—China's current ideological campaign has attacked the former Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama, whom the Peking People's Daily has described as "one of the scorpions living in the same den as Lin Biao and Confucius."

An article of criticism published in the party paper this week drew a comparison between the Dalai Lama on the one hand and Lin Biao and Confucius on the other.

*Robert Strauss*

Called 'Connally stooge'

APR 22 1973

## Strauss recall threatened

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — "suit," Fitzpatrick said. the defeat of Democratic presidential candidate George S. McGovern last fall.

Calling national Democratic chairman Robert S. Strauss \$500,000. We were adamant that we didn't want to settle. He said later he had had a conversation with John Mitchell.

"John Connally's stooge," Virginia Democratic chairman Joseph T. Fitzpatrick said Saturday he will initiate a recall move to oust Strauss.

Fitzpatrick said that Connally, the former Democratic governor of Texas who became President Nixon's treasury secretary and worked for Nixon's reelection, was the man who helped Strauss get where he is today in the Democratic party.

Fitzpatrick said he wondered if Connally wasn't calling in some political I.O.U.'s.

"He's John Connally's stooge," Fitzpatrick said.

"I was one of six state chairmen who met with Strauss April 11. We were all parties in the Watergate civil

"I wonder if he also has been in communication with John Connally?" Fitzpatrick said.

Fitzpatrick said besides himself the state party chairmen of Alabama, Iowa, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania attended the meeting.

Fitzpatrick said in an interview that at the next meeting of the Democratic National Committee he will initiate a recall move to oust Strauss.

Strauss is the former national party treasurer who supplanted Mrs. Jean Westwood as party chairman shortly after

"I intend to attend the next meeting of the national committee to move we recall Robert Strauss," Fitzpatrick said. Last week Strauss told the Washington Post that he had refused Fitzpatrick's appeal for the national party to financially back Virginia candidates in races for statewide office this fall.

Strauss was quoted by the Post Saturday as saying, "They don't care enough down there (Virginia) to finance it. They're not going to run much of a race anyway. That's exactly what I said to them. Instead of whining, why don't you go down there and get some people who care enough to do something about it?"

# Strauss Ignores Senator's Call That He Resign

SEP 22 1970

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By MARGARET MAYER

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — National Democratic Treasurer Robert Strauss is ignoring Sen. Ralph Yarborough's suggestion that he resign his party post and says the senator is being used by forces that want to defeat Texas Democrats.

Strauss said he favors a "party purity" law, the subject of Yarborough's blast. He also said he thought it would have been a mistake to include the plank in the platform adopted at the state Democratic convention last week.

Yarborough, speaking in Waco Monday night, labeled Strauss "an exponent of crooked politics" for opposing the party purity plank. He said Strauss ought to resign as national treasurer.

"A PERSON opposed to basic honesty in politics can do the Democratic party no good in the key and sensitive position of party treasurer," Yarborough said. "By Strauss' exhibition of his true colors on Sept. 15, as an exponent of crooked politics, he forfeited the respect of Democrats over the nation and ought to resign today as national treasurer."

Speaking at an appreciation banquet in his honor, Yarborough said a great flaw in the Texas law governing political parties is its failure to protect one party from the deliberate raiding of its elections by another.

"The treasurer of the Democratic party's national committee should be in the forefront of moves for political honesty, and for laws and rules to permit a party to protect itself," Yarborough said.

"The Americans for Democratic Action called for my resignation several months ago and I expect to give Sen. Yarborough's request the same consideration," Strauss said.

A PARTY purity law would require voter registration by party and prohibit voters registered in one party from voting in the other party's primaries. Yarborough blames Republican voters in this year's Democratic primary for his defeat by Lloyd Bentsen.

Strauss has been engaged in a running word battle with economist John Kenneth Galbraith, who advocates defeat of Democratic candidates who do not hew to a liberal party line. The national treasurer and Dallas attorney said he believed Yarborough is being misinformed by Texas Democrats who advocate the course espoused by Galbraith.

He said Yarborough was misinformed about what took place in the platform committee in Dallas last week.

Strauss said he discussed the party purity plank with state Sens. Oscar Mauzy of Dallas and Barbara Jordan of Houston and they agreed it would be a mistake to include the provision in the platform.

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**Strauss says  
contribution  
may be illegal**

By ROBERT SHOGAN

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WASHINGTON — Democratic National Chairman Robert S. Strauss has told the Los Angeles Times that he may have unknowingly committed a "technical" violation of the federal law on reporting political contributions when he was party treasurer in 1970 and 1971.

The Watergate special prosecutor's office is known to be pursuing an investigation into the case and into other possible violations of disclosure statutes by political figures.

"I thought it was legal at the time," Strauss said of his handling of two cash contributions totaling \$50,000 which were arranged by top executives of Ashland Oil, Inc. of Kentucky.

Strauss said he reported the money as "miscellaneous" contributions, rather than listing the specific amounts and names of donors as the law required for gifts of more than \$100. He did so, he said, because he felt that Ashland officials didn't want the Nix-

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on administration to know of the contribution.

The transaction first came to light last week when Ashland Oil pleaded guilty in federal court here to charges of making illegal corporate contributions to the Democratic National Committee, through Strauss, and to politicians in both parties.

Strauss was not charged in these cases. And he said that he was led to believe that the money came from individual executives, which would have been legal, rather than from the company itself, which was a violation of the law.

But it is known that the special prosecutor's office is still gathering facts about the circumstances surrounding the \$50,000 gift to the DNC to determine whether federal disclosure laws were violated.

Similar inquiries are being pressed into the way other illegal gifts from Ashland and other corporations were disclosed by their recipients.



# Fundraiser urges Strauss to resign

NOV 22 1975

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By JOHN GEDDIE  
Washington Bureau of The News

LOUISVILLE — Liberal Democratic fundraiser Harold Willens of Los Angeles surprised the issues conference here Friday with a public plea for Bob Strauss of Dallas to resign as party chairman.

Willens, a wealthy McCarthy and McGovern fundraiser, angered some officials at the National Democratic Issues Conference with the unscheduled discussion of Strauss' acceptance of \$50,000 for the party from Ashland Oil Co. while party treasurer.

Lanny Davis, a founder of the sponsoring Democratic Forum and a member of its board of directors, told The News, "We are more than embarrassed, we are outraged."

"Without Bob Strauss this whole convention couldn't have happened," he said. "He encouraged us from the start."

DAVIS SAID the convention officials allowed Willens to make a routine introduction to the delegates. Other conference officials said Willens gave no indication he planned to attack Strauss, although he was described as a longtime

critic of the chairman.

Strauss, treasurer before becoming party chairman, has said he was unaware that Ashland made a corporate contribution.

In Willens' remarks, he said, "On Monday of this week the Los Angeles Times reminded its readers in an editorial entitled 'OK, Mr. Strauss . . . When?' that our national chairman took \$50,000 in illegal cash contributions when he was party treasurer—for which he has avoided indictment by ducking behind the statute of limitations."

APOLOGETIC conference officials informed Strauss of the remarks when he ar-

rived at Convention Hall later.

"You can't control Harold Willens," Strauss replied. "I'm not worried about Harold Willens."

Strauss told reporters that Willens is ill.

Most stunned were the conference leaders, who said the Louisville meeting was scheduled to begin development of specific Democratic issues for the 1976 campaign.

REP. BARBARA JORDAN of Houston, a conference co-chairperson, introduced Strauss later Friday night. She praised him for reducing the party debt and

bringing a unity to the Democrats.

"We owe a great debt to Robert Strauss," he said.

Strauss did not refer to Willens during his address.

The chairman said he was concerned about a "popular notion" that Americans believe the best government is the least government.

"There is a misconception of what the American people want . . . People don't want less government; they want better government."

The chairman acknowledged that, historically, Americans have been "over-promised," but he said programs must be improved instead of eliminated.

## Strauss 3-A Won't Be JUN 15 1975 Prosecuted

WASHINGTON (AP)—The special Watergate prosecutor's office was informed Robert Strauss, Democratic National Committee chairman, that it does not plan to prosecute him on charges that he accepted illegal corporate contributions in 1971. Strauss told the party's Executive Committee in March that six days after he became treasurer in 1970 the national committee received "a substantial contribution from what at that time was believed to be executives of Ashland Oil Inc."

Strauss said it wasn't until much later that he learned it was corporate funds and that he expected to be cleared of wrong doing.

It is illegal for corporate funds to be contributed directly to a political party or campaign.

"Mr. Strauss was informed by letter that we have decided not to prosecute him," a spokesman for the prosecutor's office said Saturday. "The case has been dropped because of the statute of limitations, which is three years in this case."

Before the Strauss statement in March there had been reports that he or the committee faced misdemeanor charges for inaccurate reporting of the \$50,000 gifts among miscellaneous receipts.

The party's Executive Committee in March named a special committee to study the question of giving the money back.

Ashland, in proceedings brought by the Watergate prosecutor's office, pleaded guilty last December to making illegal contributions to Strauss and others. The company was fined \$30,000 for the gifts and its chairman was fined \$1,000.

## Oil money to be returned

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—  
Democratic National Com-  
mittee Chairman Robert

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Strauss said Thursday the party will return a \$50,000 campaign contribution illegally given in 1970 by the Ashland Oil Co.

Strauss, speaking at a luncheon of the Washington Press Club, said he accepted the money five years ago when oil-company officials vowed it came from their personal funds.

He said when it was learned in the last year the money came from the company, a violation of federal law, he appointed a committee to recommend what should be done.

He said the party had no legal obligation to return the money, but the committee headed by national treasurer Edward Bennett Williams recommended it be repaid, and "our decision is made . . . it is being carried on our books now as a debt to be repaid."

Strauss said because of a stockholders' court suit against the company, the time of repayment was not known but he expected a partial payment to be made within the next month or so.

Strauss told of the decision to repay the Ashland contribution after a speech in which he sharply attacked politicians who seek office by running against big government and federal efforts to solve national problems.

"Nostalgic and oversimplified fear of a return to the good old days plays to the Ford-Reagan negative approach to national problems and is dangerous," Strauss said, "We must develop a rational leader to follow into the next decade instead of a nonleader who only wants to ride behind monetary popular moods for political gain or office."

## Fund-Raising Cases Dropped Against Two

MAY - 5 1975  
NEW YORK (UPI)—The New York Daily News has reported that the Watergate special prosecutor's office has been forced to drop plans to prosecute Democratic National Chairman Robert Strauss and to investigate Rep. Wilbur Mills, D-Ark., because of the statute of limitations in a recently passed law.

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The News said both cases concerned political fund raising.

"Before enactment of the new campaign law . . . the limitations on prosecution of campaign-spending violations was five years," the News said. "The amendments, passed in the House version of the reform bill last year and retained during a House-Senate conference, cut this to three years, and applied it retroactively."

## Party Figure Quiet Over Smith Anger

Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON -- National Democratic Treasurer Robert Strauss Tuesday declined to comment on reports that Texas Gov. Preston Smith will call for his resignation this

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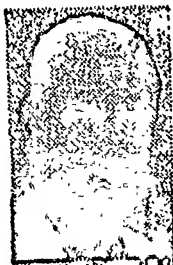
"I've had no word directly or indirectly from him and in fairness I don't want to respond unless I do hear from him," Strauss said.

Smith was angered by Strauss' public endorsement of one of his gubernatorial opponents, Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes.

Strauss' name appeared with 350 others in an advertisement for Barnes in The Dallas Morning News Feb. 13.

Smith in a letter to a supporter said he felt Strauss had an obligation to remain impartial. Aides of the governor have said he probably will issue a statement calling for Strauss' removal this week.

"I have no apologies for endorsing Ben Barnes," Strauss said. "I think he'll make a splendid governor."



Robert Strauss

Strauss-Connally Link

Under National Scrutiny

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Scholar Political Analyst

The relationship of the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Robert Strauss of Dallas, and former Texas Gov. John B. Connally, who headed the Democrats for Nixon organization, is coming under national scrutiny, and the examination of it by party leaders may be intensified.

This scarcely seems to be the time for exultation over the ascendancy of Texans in both parties. In fact, this could be the road to ruin.

To suggest that there is collusion between Strauss, Connally and George Bush, who will become the next chairman of the Republican National Committee, is to suggest that there has been a complete breakdown in the 2-party system.

BUT THIS IS what is being widely suggested in Texas—that, regardless of party affiliations, Texas is going to be the top dog in the national political heap.

Inevitably, this kind of talk is going to invite serious repercussions in other parts of the country. There is already sufficient anti-Texas sentiment in the nation to make the situation tenuous. A manifestation of Texas chauvinism and hero-worship could turn out to be devastating.

It is appropriate to review the Strauss-Connally relationship as it pertains to the national political picture.

As is well known, the two men are old friends, dating back to their University of Texas days. As governor, Connally picked Strauss to be the Texas committeeman on the Democratic National Committee. They have worked hand in glove over the years on state and national politics. It was a harmonious relationship.

### Paths Diverge

But in 1972 their political paths diverged. Strauss remained loyal to the national Democratic Party. Connally, who had won the respect and admiration of Richard Nixon and been appointed his Treasury secretary, elected to head up the Democrats for Nixon movement.

Since the Nov. 7 election, Strauss has been a leader of the moderate-conservative Democrats endeavoring to pull the national party, which veered left-wing under the McGovernites, back to the center. Connally, meanwhile, has been an outspoken defender of the Nixon administration, and although he retains his identity as a Democrat, he is regarded by the liberals as, at least, a potential Republican. Strauss himself has predicted that Connally will become a Republican.

### Finally Relented

Strauss was reluctant to become a candidate for national Democratic chairman, but he finally relented. On Dec. 9, after considerable intra-party wrangling, he won the post.

Before the vote, Strauss told friends that his main obstacle in wooing general party support was the fact that Connally had endorsed him for chairman. He had hoped that Connally, who is intensely disliked by the northern liberals, would remain silent.

Strauss, seeking party unity, had to overcome this endorsement. But the suspicion lingers among the liberals that he may be a handmaiden of John B. Connally.

THE HARD realities of the situation are these:

1. Strauss, as national chairman, will have to maintain a drumfire of criticism of the Nixon administration and endeavor to rally Democrats of all persuasions behind the party's candidates in 1974 and 1976.

2. Connally, as a confidante and close friend of Nixon, will feel it incumbent upon him to defend the administration, whether he decides to become a Republican or not.

The worst thing that can happen to Strauss, as he attempts to reconstruct the Democratic Party along more reasonable lines, is for there to be wide acceptance of the idea that he is at the beck and call of Connally.

Strauss said recently that Connally didn't own him and he didn't own Connally.

He should be taken at his word.



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REVIEW OF MORGUE RECORDS OF DAILY DALLAS, TEXAS, NEWS-  
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APPOINTEE:

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS - BY ARTICLE DATED DECEMBER 20,  
1972, IT WAS STATED THAT "THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE NEW  
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HEADED THE DEMOCRATS FOR NIXON ORGANIZATION, IS COMING UNDER NATIONAL SCRUTINY AND THE EXAMINATION OF THE PARTY LEADERS MAY BE INTENSIFIED.

BY ARTICLE DATED APRIL 22, 1973, VIRGINIA DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN JOSEPH FITZPATRICK, SAID HE WOULD INITIATE A RECALL MOVE TO OUST NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN ROBERT S. STRAUSS FOR BEING "JOHN CONNALLY'S STOOGES."

BY ARTICLES DATED APRIL 26, MAY 5, JUNE 15, AND DECEMBER 5, 1975, THE QUESTION IS RAISED AS WHETHER STRAUSS, THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, ACTED ILLEGALLY IN ACCEPTING A \$50,000 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION FROM ASHLAND OIL COMPANY, INC., OF KENTUCKY.

BY ARTICLE DATED NOVEMBER 22, 1975, DEMOCRATIC FUND-RAISER HAROLD WILLIAMS OF LOS ANGELES MADE A PUBLIC PLEA FOR ROBERT STRAUSS TO RESIGN AS PARTY CHAIRMAN AS A RESULT OF THE \$50,000 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION FROM ASHLAND OIL COMPANY WHILE STRAUSS WAS PARTY TREASURER.

THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD - BY ARTICLE DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 1970, SENATOR RALPH YARBOROUGH SUGGESTED THAT NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TREASURER ROBERT STRAUSS RESIGN HIS PARTY POST,

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LABELING STRAUSS "AN EXPONENT OF CROOKED POLITICS" FOR  
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OF VIRGINIA STATED HE WOULD INITIATE A RECALL MOVE TO OUST  
ROBERT STRAUSS AS NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN, CALLING  
HIM "JOHN CONNALLY'S STOOGES."

BY ARTICLE DATED JUNE 9, 1974, STRAUSS STATED HE DID  
NOT FEEL THAT IT WAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, NOR ILLEGAL  
FOR HIM TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF THE BANKING CONCERNS  
WITH WHICH HE IS AFFILIATED. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE VALLEY  
VIEW BANK OF DALLAS, TEXAS. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE FELT  
NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY BEING APPOINTED TO THE STATE BANKING  
BOARD BY JOHN CONNALLY OF TEXAS.

BY ARTICLE DATED JANUARY 10, 1975, STRAUSS TOLD THE  
LOS ANGELES TIMES THAT HE MAY HAVE UNKNOWINGLY COMMITTED A  
TECHNICAL VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL LAW ON REPORTING POLITICAL  
CONTRIBUTIONS WHEN HE WAS PARTY TREASURER IN 1970 AND 1971.  
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HOUSTON. CONTACT JOHN CONNALLY AT LAW FIRM OF VINSON, ELKINS, SEARLS, CONNALLY AND SMITH, FIRST CITY NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, HOUSTON, RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ABOVE ARTICLES, AND COMMENTS RE STRAUSS.

SAN ANTONIO AT AUSTIN, TEXAS. CONTACT RALPH YARBOROUGH AT HIS LAW FIRM REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF STRAUSS, NOTING HIS PAST COMMENTS CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

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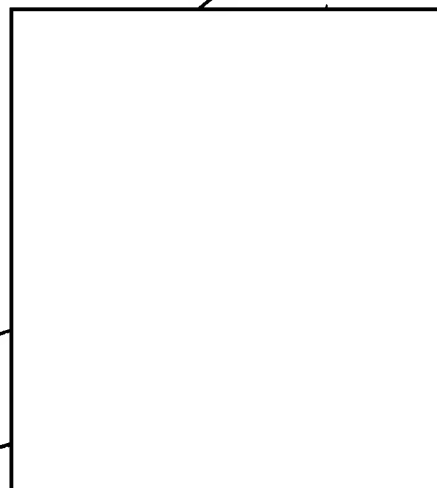
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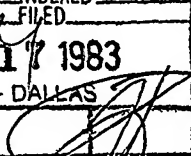
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